

# **Fact Sheet: New \$2,025,000 Scholarship Program for Indonesian College Students to Study English in the United States**



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*"...we've got a lot in common. We both appreciate democracy; we both care about trade so that our nations can prosper; we both care about educating people so that children have a chance to succeed in life; we both love freedom and we both want the world to be peaceful."*

-- President George W. Bush  
Bali, Indonesia, October 22, 2003

**U.S. foreign assistance invests in people. Indonesia joins us in our resolve to expand the numbers of healthy, well-educated citizens around the world who enjoy political freedoms and the opportunity to achieve prosperity.**

The U.S. has initiated a new scholarship program, which, in its first year, will bring over 200 outstanding Indonesian university students to U.S. campuses to study in intensive English as a Foreign Language programs.

This new \$2,025,000 program, administered by the Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, is funded as a part of the six-year, \$157 million Education Initiative announced during the President's last visit to Indonesia in 2003.

- The President's Education Initiative supports Indonesia's efforts to improve the quality of education in its schools. This initiative seeks to strengthen both basic and higher education by supporting parents, local governments, and non-profit organizations in their efforts to give Indonesian students the tools they need to compete in the global economy.
- The position of English in international business, as well as in science and technology, makes it a global language. Expertise in English is a critical component in advancing Indonesian economic success.
- Increasing the number of Indonesian students at U.S. universities will improve American understanding of the cultural richness and democratic achievements of Indonesia today.
- It is only through a thorough understanding of each other's cultures that we can establish and maintain a foundation of international cooperation and trust.